

February 5, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary,
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is a letter of support for SBC in their bid to offer long distance service to Michigan. If allowed, this would create a more open and fair market for service to the people. Competition can only help the consumers gain the best possible service at affordable prices. Given this opportunity, SBC could hereby give the citizens of Michigan a choice of service that could allow for a more competitive system.

Currently, the lack of competition in long distance has kept Michigan consumers paying more than those in other states. By adopting this measure we could catch Michigan up to the other states. It is my goal that increased consumer choice offered by SBC's entrance in the long distance market will result in lower prices.

I appreciate your consideration of my comments, and I urge speedy review of SBC's filing.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Schauer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "M".

Mark Schauer
State Senator, District #19